

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend from page 8, paragraph 1, through page 10, paragraph 4, as amended in the International Application, to read as follows:

- - **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:** - -

[CLAIMS]

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for treat ~~ingment~~ or, partially or wholly, impregnationg of a textile and/or footwear products ~~intended to be worn on the human, or associated with, a user's foot~~ making use of with an active deodorizing principle ~~consisting of ingredient comprising elementary~~ sulphur or, ~~in any case,~~ a substance compound capable of liberating elementary] sulphur, ~~characterized in that said wherein the products are~~ is treated or impregnated with a composition comprising, ~~besides said in addition to the active principle ingredient,~~ a polymeric binder for ~~stably fixing said providing stable adherence of the active principle ingredient to said the products and releasing it gradually in the course of release therefrom over time.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ polymeric binder is an selected acrylic, silicone, butadiene or polyurethane resin, ~~said the~~ active principle ingredient and ~~said the~~ resin being distributed in a non-aqueous composition with which ~~said the products are~~ is applied or impregnated ~~or sprayed~~.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ polymeric binder is an selected acrylic, silicone, butadiene or polyurethane resin, ~~said the~~ active principle ingredient and ~~said the~~ resin being distributed in an aqueous bath in which ~~said the products are~~ is immersed.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ set forth in claim 3, wherein ~~said the~~ active principle ingredient in ~~said the~~ aqueous bath has a concentration comprised between about 0,3 and about 1.0 g/l, ~~said the~~ resin being a selected silicon resin and having a concentration comprised between about 10 and about 20 g/l, ~~said the~~ aqueous bath further comprising also a selected cationic surfactant and a selected softener having a concentrations of, ~~respectively~~, between about 10 and about 20 g/l and about 2 and about 5 g/l, respectively.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ set forth in claim 4, wherein ~~said the~~ aqueous bath is brought to a temperature of at least about 40°C.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ set forth in claim 3, wherein ~~said the~~ active ~~principle ingredient~~ has a concentration ~~comprised~~ between about 5 and about 10 g/l and is emulsified with a non-ionic surfactant, ~~said the~~ resin being an selected emulsified acrylic resin and having a concentration ~~comprised~~ between about 3 and about 5 g/l, the bath, in the case of a wool-based product, having a pH ~~made at least~~ slightly acidic using by means of acetic acid in the case of wool-base products or, in the case of a product with a cellulose base, a relatively neutral pH in case of products with a cellulose base.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ set forth in claim 6, wherein ~~said the~~ textile products, subsequently to immersion in said the bath, ~~are is~~ wrung and dried at a temperature of at least about 150°C in order to polymerize ~~said the~~ acrylic resin.

Claim 8 (currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ polymeric binder is a ~~glue~~ selected adhesive utilized for assembling a shoe or a part thereof.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The method ~~according to any one of the~~ preceding set forth in claims 1, wherein ~~said the~~ active ~~principle ingredient~~ is a selected wettable micronized sulphur.

Claim 10 (currently amended) A composition for partially or integrally treating a textile and/or footwear products ~~intended to be worn on the human, or associated with, a user's foot, said the~~ composition making use of an active deodorizing principle ~~consisting of ingredient comprising elementary sulphur or, in any case, a substance compound capable of liberating elementary sulphur, characterized in that it wherein the product comprises, in addition to said the active principle ingredient, a selected polymeric binder for stably fixing said providing stable adherence of the active principle ingredient on said the products and releasing it gradually in the course of release therefrom over time.~~

Claim 11 (currently amended) The composition ~~according to set forth in~~ claim 10, wherein ~~said the~~ polymeric binder is an selected acrylic, silicone, butadiene or polyurethane resin, ~~said the~~ active principle ingredient and ~~said the~~ resin being distributed in an aqueous bath in which ~~said the products are is~~ immersed.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The composition ~~according to set forth in~~ claim 11, wherein ~~said the~~ active principle ingredient has a concentration ~~comprised~~ between about 0,3 and about 1.0 g/l, ~~said the~~ resin being a selected silicon resin and having a concentration ~~comprised~~ between about 10 and about 20 g/l, ~~said the~~ aqueous bath further comprising ~~also~~ a selected cationic surfactant and a selected softener having a concentrations of, ~~respectively,~~ between about 10 and about 20 g/l and about 2 and about 5 g/l, respectively.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The composition ~~according to~~ set forth in claim 11, wherein ~~said the~~ active principle ingredient has a concentration ~~comprised~~ between about 5 and about 10 g/l and is emulsified with a selected non-ionic surfactant, ~~said the~~ resin being an selected emulsified acrylic resin and having a concentration ~~comprised~~ between about 3 and about 5 g/l, the bath, in the case of a wool-based product, having a pH ~~made at least slightly acidic using by means of~~ acetic acid in the case of wool- ~~base products or, in the case of a product with a cellulose base,~~ a relatively neutral pH in ~~case of products with a cellulose base.~~

Claim 14 (currently amended) The composition ~~according to~~ set forth in claims 10 ~~to 13~~, wherein ~~said the~~ active principle ingredient is a selected wettable micronized sulphur.

Claim 15 (currently amended) ~~The~~ A textile and/or footwear product ~~s~~ integrally or partially impregnated or treated with a composition ~~in accordance with any of~~ claims 10 to 14 having an active deodorizing ingredient which comprises elemental sulphur or a compound capable of liberating elemental sulphur, wherein the product is treated or impregnated with a composition comprising, in addition to the active ingredient, a selected polymeric binder for providing stable adherence of the active ingredient to the product and gradual release therefrom over time.